St. Elízabeth Seton Catholíc Church

9728 W. Palmeras Drive Sun City, Arizona 85373

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Email: office@sescc.org Website: www.sescc.org Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 2023 CDA 2023 Kickoff Weekend Salt & Light



7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

Mass Times

Monday - Saturday: 8AM

Saturday Vigil: 4PM, 6PM

Sunday: 7AM, 9AM & 11AM

*There will be a communal rosary prayed 35 minutes prior to each scheduled Mass..

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 1PM-3PM

St. Elizabeth Seton Staff

CLERGY:

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8AM—4PM Friday: 8AM—12PM

Parish office Closed February 20th





Parish Newsletter www.sesccnews.org

Mass Readings

Ministries and Groups:

St. Vincent de Paul 1st Tuesday at 2PM Deac

1st Tuesday at 2PM, Deacon Tone Room 3rd Tuesday at 6:30PM, Deacon Tone Room Tina Prosenick, 623-583-7303

Knights of Columbus

2nd Tuesday at 6:30PM, Parish Hall Mike Wooldridge, 602-717-6700

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

(Will not meet from February 15th - April 12th) Every Wednesday at 10AM, Dcn. Tone Room Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379

Faith Sharing—Weekly Gospel Discussion Every Thursday at 9AM, Deacon Tone Room Parish Office, 623-972-2129

Women's Seton Society Every Thursday at 9AM, Parish Hall Margie O'Boyle, 623-738-8800/pmo99@cox.net

Healing Ministry

(Will not meet from February 15th -April 12th) Every Wednesday following 8:00AM Daily Mass in the Library, Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379

Our Lady of Fatima 1st Saturday at 8AM, Church Jack Limberg, 574-286-1562

Solo Group 1st Tuesday at 1PM, Palmbrook Country Club John Battoe, 623-977-7073

Evening Prayer Group Monday—Friday 3:50PM, Chapel Parish Office, 623-972-2129

Chalice Apostolate Ministry Rachel Ruby, 623-972-1051

Mass Intentions

Living 🕈 Deceased	†	
Sunday, February 19th		
7AM Lucille Rodriguez ♥	Fr. Kilian	
9AM Parishioners ♥	Fr. John	
11AM Palo & Pelagia Sartes †	Fr. Kilian	
Monday, February 20th		
8AM Thomas & Garrett Matella†	Fr. John	
<u>Tuesday, February 21th</u>		
8AM Meronek & McDonald Families ♥†	Fr. John	
Wednesday, February 22th		
8AM Martin McNeela †	Fr. John	
Noon Tod Sebasitian †	Fr. Kilian	
4PM Jerry Bertram †	Fr. Bill	
7PM Parishioners ♥	Fr. Kilian	
<u>Thursday, February 23th</u>		
8AM Robert & Friess †	Fr. John	
Noon Richard & David Hamilton † Fr. Kilian		
Friday, February 24th	Er Kilion	
8AM Alice Wiskirchen †	Fr. Kilian Fr John	
Noon MaryJean Kenne †	FIJOIII	
Saturday, February 25th		
8AM Rudy Rodriguez †	Fr. Kilian	
4PM Christine Caffrey †	Fr. Kilian	
6PM Tom Scianna & Joe Olivera †	Fr. John	
<u>Sunday, February 19th</u>		
7AM John & Anna Palmer †	Fr. Kilian	
9AM Marian Krozel †	Fr. John	
11AM Parishioners ♥	Fr. Kilian	

Readings for the Week

Sunday	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
Monday	Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
Wednes- day	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/ Mt 4:1-11

Votive Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle:

Gene & Geannie Kenne

Requested by: Family of Kathy Zech

Tabernacle Candle:

Gene & Geannie Kenne

Requested by: Family of Kathy Zech

Saint Joseph Candle:

Kathleen McCaffrey

Requested by: SESCC Staff

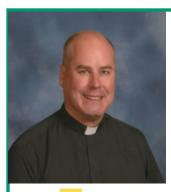
To kindly request a Mass Intention or Votive Candle, please contact Sylvia at the Parish Office 623-972-2129.



Stewardship

Your Financial Stewardship February 19th, 2023 Plate: Unavailable Weekly <u>Goal: \$18,780.75</u>





Pastor's Letter: February 19, 2023

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.



CHARITY AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL

What a *perfect* way to wrap up Ordinary Time as we move on to the great Season of Lent. We know all very well that we might not be able to be perfect; but to make the attempt, to honestly and sincerely try to be as good as we can possibly be is well over half the battle. It is the time of year when God turns to us asking us to be His people, to be the best version of ourselves that we can be. In Lent we also have the opportunity to walk the extra mile with Jesus, every Friday.

Yes, even to reach as high as to love our enemies, that may well make you a saint. After all, that is what saints do and what saints did. Look at **St. Mother Teresa** and at **St. Vincent de Paul** and at very our own **St. Elizabeth Seton.** They show us that it is possible to do the seemingly impossible.

This week together we continue our annual **Charity and Development Appeal** of the Diocese of Phoenix for the year 2023. Jesus tells us about being active and generous in living out our faith; and our faith calls us to action together. **Together** we can do more than any one parish or person can ever do.

Our love gives light and hope to so many in need in our Diocese.

On a personal note, as part of my stewardship, I give about 8% of my income to the CDA. This makes it easy for me to donate to these groups.

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday

We are now all set for Ash Wednesday and the Holy Season of Lent.



St. Paul asks us today: "Do

you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

It is time to clean up the temple, to put things in right order. Let's put things right with God.

On behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God, as St. Paul will tell us on Ash Wednesday.

Lent is the yearly time God gives us to do this. It is **the serious time of the spiritual year** and we all need to take it very seriously, full of urgency. We are to come back with all our hearts, the community is to be called together, even small children, even those like bride and bridegroom.

Lent is the Favorable Time, **the Time of Salvation.**

Lent is our opportunity to turn back to God.

We ask you to gather up your palms from Palm Sunday last year to burn on Mardi Gras.

This is how we get the ashes for Ash Wednesday, February 22nd.

We will celebrate together with a Mardi Gras Pot Luck afterwards in the Parish Hall and then start the Season of Preparation for Easter.

We bring our <u>imperfections</u> into Lent with us, begging for God's help to make us perfect, or as perfect as we can humanly be.

Our Lenten Penance Services will be held on Wednesday, March 15th. *Fr. Kilian, Sr. Mary Beverly*



In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to live our lives selflessly and to not only love our neighbors but even our enemies. With your most generous support, we strive to not only meet basic needs of food and shel-

ter, but to "go the extra mile" to help families with complex and difficult situations, using the expertise of our resource specialists.

Our second annual Chili-cook-off, Dessert & Basket Auction on Feb. 5th was an **amazing** and resounding success! First we want to thank Fr. Kilian for his strong support through the weeks of preparation and during the event itself. We raised over \$6,000, significantly surpassing last year's total, to aid our neighbors in need. We also want to thank everyone who helped with making chili and desserts, baskets for auction, setting up, serving, and manning the tables for check-in and processing auction bids. Our volunteers from SVDP, Catholic Daughters, Seton Ladies, and other individuals, all helped make this event happen, putting in many hours preparing for and holding this event. Again thanks!

We also want to give you a heads-up for our semi-annual pantry drive which we will hold on March 4th & 5^{th,} prior to the exodus of our winter parishioners and visitors. We request your help with food, toiletries, and laundry supplies to replenish our stores for the summer months. We greatly appreciate your continued support through your **prayers** and **donations**.



Catholic Daughters

of the Americas

Court Madonna #2067 The Catholic Ladies of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Clement of Rome, and St. Joachim and Anne host our monthly meeting in the Seton Hall from 12:00PM to 3:00PM. We meet every 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information please contact: Bernadette Labat (602) 565-6429

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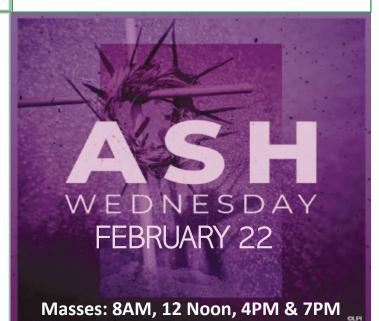
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For more information please contact Joseph Pergolizzi, Parish Manager at (623) 972-2129 or jpergolizzi@sescc.org





(RCIA) The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you been curious about the Roman Catholic Church and how it might fit for you in your faith journey? Are you wanting to know more about the Catholic Church before you decide that it is the place for you before you make the next step? Perhaps, you have been Baptized but haven't receive the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist and you would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation.

We meet in the **Guadalupe Room** by the parish office from **9am to 10:30am on Sunday's**.

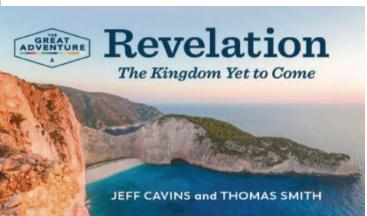
We are excited to have 12 individuals who desire to be received into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist:

Philip Boynton, Maria Campos, Julian Rosales Lopez, Dazy Sanchez, David Sanchez, Joseph Zamora Torres, Jennifer Henderson, Mason Henderson, Jimmy Nquyen, James Smith & Israel Valadez.

Please continue to show your support by praying for each of these individuals. If you are interested in being a prayer sponsor, please choose a name and commit to praying for them weekly. You can also send notes to these individuals by dropping your notes off at the parish office and we will get them to these amazing Candidates and Catechumens.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Deacon Jeff Arner, the Director of Religious Formation at 623-866-5221 or email at:

jarner@sescc.org for an appointment.



New Faith Formation Program

Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Relatively few people have studied the book, especially from the sacramental, eucharistic Catholic perspective.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the Kingdom established by Christ in the Church is connected with the Kingdom of Heaven.

St. Elizabeth Seton will proudly begin an eleven-week Bible study

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

on **Tuesday, February 7 from 9 am to 11 am**. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

For more information or to register contact Dcn. Jeffrey Arner at 623-866-5221 or jarner@sescc.org.

In this intriguing look at one of the most talkedabout books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass.

You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

WAYS TO MAKE YOUR GIFT

Your gift to the **Charity & Development Appeal** serves 70+ Catholic ministries and charities in our Diocese. Make your gift today!

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- 2. Complete a CDA card from your parish and return to parish or mail in yellow reply envelope.
- Call 602-354-2235 for assistance in English or Spanish.

God bless you!



PLEASE GIVE TODAY! GIVE.DPHX.ORG



St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Show Sponsored by the Women's Seton Society Saturday, March 18th, 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Tickets are \$30 pp. They'll be available to buy after masses through March 12th or on Thursday mornings in Seton Hall from 9:00 –11:00 or in the church office.

<u>Menu</u>: Corn Beef and Cabbage, potatoes & carrots & Irish rye bread. St. Patrick's Day Cake for dessert.

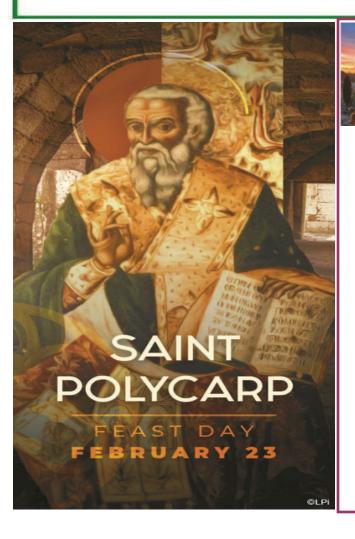
Entertainment will feature Valerie Vacco & Anthony Rolando's Irish Concert which will feature all our Irish favorites. He is a World Champion Accordionist & she sings like an angel.

Fun will include a 50/50 raffle, & Silent Auction items and more.....

Volunteers: Safety trained, certified Parishioners needed to help with the event. Please contact Margie O'Boyle (623) 738-8800 or Julie Kramer 1(262) 939-7402 for any amount of time you can volunteer

Donations:

- Now accepting nice items for a silent auction. We can provide a tax receipt for such items if necessary.
- Gift Certificates A much appreciated donation are the gift cards in any amount for stores, restaurants, movies & other commercial venues.



October 9-19, 2023 **Holy Land Pilgrimage** Information Meeting For All of Our Pilgrims <u>From 4:30 - 6PM</u> Thursday, March 30th

Nativity Pilgrimage

You are invited to a LIFE IN THE SPRIT SEMINAR

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, parish hall 9728 Palmeras Dr., Sun City, AZ Wednesdays, Febuary 15th thru March 29th, 2023 9 am to 11 am

The Spirit will guide you to all truth John 16:13

What is a Life in the Spirit Seminar?



The Seminar is an invitation to make or renew a deep personal commitment to Jesus Christ in openness to the Holy Spirit and His gifts. It serves as an introduction to a life in the power of the Holy Spirit. It provides teaching, guidance, and prayer leading to a new and deeper relationship with the Lord. Come and experience the presence of the Lord, through prayer, praise and worship in community.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" John 14:6

The Life in the Spirit consist of seven Wednesday mornings.

2/15/23	Session 1	God's Love
2/22/23	Session 2	Salvation
3/01/23	Session 3	New Life
3/08/23	Session 4	Receiving God's Gifts
3/15/23	Session 5	Baptism in the Spirit
3/22/23	Session 6	Growth
3/29/23	Session 7	Transformation

Register in the office at SESCC for a **\$10.00 fee to cover materials**. Materials will be handed out at the sessions.

For information about registration call the office at 623-972-2129. For information about the seminar call Maureen Kight at 602-503-5379.

Life in the Spirit is sponsored by Holy Spirit Prayer group of SESCC and by Charismatic Renewal Ministries

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